

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST C CORPUS CHRISTI 19 June 2022

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

“Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you are proclaiming the death of the Lord, until he comes” (1Cor.11:23-26). St Paul was not present at the Last Supper with Jesus and the apostles since he was not a follower of the Lord then. However, he gave us the most detailed account of what happened at the Passover Meal when Christ offered up his life as a sacrifice to take away the sins of the world. At the time of the Reformation and even today there is a controversy about the nature of the Last Supper and the Mass. The Lord’s Last Supper made present to us here and now in the Mass, is both a meal and the sacrifice of Christ.

Jesus, at the Passover Meal with his apostles at the Last Supper commemorated God delivering his people from slavery in Egypt to freedom and a new life in the Promised Land. He transformed the Old Testament meal, which had at its centre a spotless lamb whose blood was shed to save the people from death, by offering his life as the Lamb of God to take away the sins of the world. His blood was shed to take away our sins and he offered up his life as a sacrifice to give us the new life of grace and eternal life with God. He took the unleavened bread of the Passover meal and changed it into his body, the Bread of Life that we receive in Holy Communion. He took the cup of wine and blessed it and gives it to us as his blood, through which our sins are forgiven. What Jesus did at the Last Supper is made present to us in the sacrificial meal at Mass, which is why it is important for us to attend Mass and receive the Lord’s Word and Holy Communion. He enables us to pass-over the obstacles of life into the new life of grace. The Body of Christ is given to us as the food of eternal life the Blood of Christ washes away our sins.

Next Friday is the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, when we focus on our Lord whose heart was filled with love for God and people. He shows the compassion and love of God in his humble and gentle heart and invites all to draw close to him. In times past people had a blessing or dedication of their homes centred on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We (priests) still bless people’s homes, and in doing so we ask God to give his love and protection to a family and people in their home.

God’s protection for people is also shown in the use of Holy Water. You can get Holy Water from the Sacristy and use it at home as a sign of God’s blessing and protection. It is a sign to us of the love and protection God gives us in our Baptism and shares with us, as his children, throughout our lives.

May the Lord sustain us with his Word and Holy Communion. Fr John

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES from Saturday 18th to Sunday 26th June 2022		
SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST C CORPUS CHRISTI 19 June 2022		
Saturday 18 th	6.00pm	Bill Dowd RIP (Anniv)
Sunday 19 th	9.00am	The People of our Parish DAY FOR LIFE
June 2022	11.00am	Sean Clohessy RIP Anniv (Clohessy) STREAMED
Ordinary Time Week 12 - Lectionary Readings: Weekdays Year 2 - Sundays Year C		
Monday 20 th	St Alban, First Martyr of England	
	9.15am	Fr Joe White’s Intentions
Tuesday 21 st	St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious	
	9.15am	Brian McGuinness RIP
Wed 22 nd	St John Fisher, Bishop, & St Thomas More, Martyrs	
	12 noon	Thomas Kearns RIP Recently (Bond)
Thursday 23 rd	Birth of St John the Baptist	
	9.15am	Private intention (JM)
Friday 24 th	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	
	12 noon	Christopher Jacob’s Intentions (Joseph)
Saturday 25 th	The Immaculate Heart of Mary	
	2.00pm	Baptism of Sophia Castro Bass
THIRTEEN SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C 26th June 2022		
Saturday 25 th	6.00pm	Tommy Holmes RIP Recently (Coyne)
Sunday 26 th	9.00am	Julian Ruvalcaba RIP Anniv (Ruvalcaba/Vianna)
June 2022	11.00am	Lynn Marsh RIP Recently (Dolan-Palmer) STREAMED
	12.30pm	Baptism of Jacob Daniel Newman
	3.00pm	LATIN MASS in Tridentine Rite

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE on Saturdays 11.30am to 12 noon and on request.

DIocese of Brentwood Website: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/>

DAILY SERVICES WITH MASSES STREAMED: www.churchservices.tv/timetable/

Daily Mass at Westminster Cathedral: www.churchservices.tv/westminster/

Daily Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh-on-Sea: <https://lourdesleigh.org/>

St Joseph English Martyrs Bishops Stortford www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford/

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GENESIS 14:18-20 Melchizedek, a priest of God, brought bread and wine

PSALM 109 You are a priest forever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

1 COR. 11:21-26 We proclaim the Lord’s death when we eat the bread & drink the cup

LUKE 9:11-17 They all ate as much as they wanted from five loaves and two fish.

OFFERINGS: Our thanks for your generous weekly Offerings of £800 standing orders, and in envelopes on Sunday 12th June £133.50, loose £339.24, for CAFOD £10. You can give in donations to the Priest’s House and for charities our parish supports at:

www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=epping/////////

PLEASE SANITISE HANDS AS YOU ENTER AND LEAVE THE CHURCH

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

VALERIE THORNHILL RIP who died on Tuesday 7th June, will be received into our church for the celebration of her Funeral Service on **Thursday 30th June at 2pm** followed by interment at Theydon Bois Cemetery. **May she rest in peace.**

We offer our sympathy and prayerful support to her family and to all who mourn at this time. May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console them and fill them with hope and the joy of new life through his resurrection.

FACEBOOK GROUP: James Ryan manages and monitors our parish Facebook Group, posts daily updates and links to parishes & activities in our Diocese. To join go to: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/26415423943/?ref=share/>

ALTAR SERVERS: We invite children, young people and adults to serve Mass. We ask children who received first Holy Communion in recent times to consider serving the Lord at Mass. Please contact Fr John or Deacon Duncan if you would like to serve

WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME, IN HOSPITAL & CARE HOMES:
May Lord heal & comfort all who are ill with his Holy Spirit.

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Bishop Bernard Patrick Wall, Bill Dowd, John O'Hallaghan, May & Willie Morgan, Violet Ben Gesser (18/6), Con Conneely (19/6), Derek Wells (21/6), Jean O'Sullivan, Peter Burns (22/6), Ernest Negri, Beryl Burke (23/6), John Hannis, Sean Clohessy, Fr Reginald Browne (24/6), Michael O'Reilly (25/6), Anne Dollard, David Nikolson (26/6), . **Eternal rest grant to them, Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

THE RELIGIOUS GOODS stall in our church porch is open after Sunday Masses and has suitable gifts for first Holy Communion children, like rosaries, icons, cards and mementos. Goods can also be obtained on request at other times and also ordered.

SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION: The Bishops of England & Wales ask Catholics to return to Sunday Mass from Pentecost Sunday, 5th June. Many have already done so, but we miss some parishioners who were active in our community, before the lockdowns. We invite them to return to Mass on Sundays to receive the Lord's Word in the Scriptures, and the Bread of Life in Holy Communion. **As a general rule if we are able to go shopping or socialising, we should be able to go to Mass**

SYNODAL PATHWAY: Pope Francis says he wants our Church to be a listening Church - not only for those who are committed members, but to all who count themselves as Catholics, without regard to their status, standing, sexuality, way of life or opinion. To this end, we are all invited to contribute to the discussion as part of the Pope's Synodal Pathway, which is intended to inform the meeting of bishops in Rome in 2023. Our diocese will hold a series of discussions via Zoom in the near future. If you would like to take part, please email peter_pleydell@hotmail.com

FLOWER ARRANGERS: we are appealing for flower arrangers for our church.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Our apologies that it was not possible to hold the Parish Council Meeting on Thursday last. It will now be held on Wednesday next, the **22nd June** at 7.30pm in the Sacristy. All are welcome to attend.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE: There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate Marriage and Family Life with Bishop Alan at Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday, 16th July at 3.00pm followed by a reception afterwards in the Cathedral Hall. All couples and families are welcome and we have some invitation cards.

YEAR OF THE FAMILY: The 10th World Meeting of Families will be in Rome this week, with talks & liturgies live-streamed www.romefamily2022.com/en/. Our Diocese is marking the close of the Year of the Family at the annual Mass for Marriage & Family Life in July that Bishop Alan will offer for all families in our Diocese. If you wish a particular intention to be placed at the altar at this Mass, please send it on: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/marriage-family-life

MASS INTENTIONS: If you, or anyone you know, wishes to have Mass offered for anyone living or dead, please contact Fr John at The Priest's House, by phone, letter or e-mail or stating the intention, and the Mass will be offered in our church as soon as possible. Mass cards are available from the Priest's House. If you require a specific date or a weekend Mass, please book as soon as possible as weekend dates here are now being booked for many weeks ahead.

BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES: Baptismal certificates are ready to collect from Fr John for parents of children recently baptised in our parish.

NEED OF URGENT HELP: If you or someone you know urgently needs help, please contact the Priest's House. We will endeavour to assist through parishioners who have volunteered to help, the Church, Foodbank or local agencies. Simple things like a phone call or e-mail can be a real comfort to many.

THANK YOU to Michele Murphy who works so conscientiously as our parish Gift Aid Co-Ordinator. Please let her know (via the Parish Office) if you would like a letter for the Inland Revenue detailing your Gift Aid total for the tax year 2021/22. Please also let her know if you no longer pay income tax.

CHORAL DIRECTOR VACANCY IN THE DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD - SCHOOLS SINGING PROGRAMME: The Diocese is seeking to appoint a Choral Director. This new and exciting post is part of the National School Singing Programme. Further information about the role can be found on the Diocesan website. Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Monday 4 July 2022.

REFERENCES FOR SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2023: Parents and carers who want a Priest's reference to support an application for a school place for their child in September 2023 must be attending Sunday Mass consistently over the years. If parents say they go to Mass in another parish - that is the place to see the priest. There is no point in seeking a Priest's reference if you have not been attending Mass regularly. The lack of integrity in this is evident in this parish as in others.

EPHING FOREST FOOD BANK: the foodbank still requires the usual goods.